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SUBJ: U.S./FRG ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT

REF: BONN 01859

1. DEPT. AND AEC APPRECIATE THOUGHTFUL ARGUMENTS
PRESENTED IN REFTEL.

2. AEC HAS DISCUSSED WITH WESTINGHOUSE VICE PRESIDENT
AND GENERAL MANAGER, WATER REACTOR DIVISION, REPORTED
CONCERNS OF WESTINGHOUSE REPS IN GERMANY REGARDING POSSI-
BILITY OF REACTOR SAFETY STANDARDS BEING USED AS NONTARIFF
BARRIER. WESTINGHOUSE MANAGEMENT DOES NOT REPEAT NOT
SEE THIS AS SERIOUS PROBLEM.

3. AEC HAS ALSO DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH WESTINGHOUSE
NUCLEAR POWER PEOPLE IN BRUSSELS WHO POINT OUT THAT THEY
ARE ABOUT TO HAVE THEIR STANDARD REACTOR SYSTEM FORMALLY
ACCEPTED IN GERMANY FOR LICENSING PURPOSES. THIS MAY NOT
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ELIMINATE ALL OF THEIR TROUBLE IN COMPETING WITH KWU

BUT SHOULD REMOVE THE MAJOR OBSTACLE. AS IN THE PAST, IT WILL BE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO PINPOINT ANY PARTICULAR STANDARD AS BIASED IN FAVOR OF KWU AS THE ASSESSMENT OF THE SAFETY OF A REACTOR SYSTEM WILL DEPEND UPON TRADE-OFFS IN DESIGN THAT INVOLVE ENGINEERING JUDGMENT AS WELL AS SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS TO EVALUATE.

4. THE INCLUSION OF REACTOR SAFETY RESEARCH IN AN ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT PRESENTS CONCEPTUAL DIFFICULTIES AS SUCH RESEARCH IS ORIENTED TO MATTERS OF REACTOR DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND OPERATION, AND NOT NECESSARILY TO ROUTINE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS ASSOCIATED WITH REACTORS. THUS, AEC IS UNABLE TO CONCUR IN THE AMBASSADOR'S RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 6 OF REFTEL.

5. UNLESS EMBASSY PERCEIVES OBJECTION, INSTRUCTIONS IN STATE 20929 MAY BE AUGMENTED BY AMENDING PREAMBULAR SECTION OF AGREEMENT SO THAT PORTION BEGINNING WITH "ACKNOWLEDGING" AND ENDING BEFORE "DESIRING" WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS: "ACKNOWLEDGING THE SIGNIFICANT MUTUAL BENEFIT BEING DERIVED BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS FROM ONGOING COOPERATION IN VARIOUS FIELDS, INCLUDING OUTER SPACE RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY, NUCLEAR REACTOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, BIOMEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES DELIVERY RESEARCH, AND THOSE COVERED BY THE UNITED STATES-GERMAN COOPERATIVE PROGRAM IN NATURAL RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION CONTROL AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (UGNR); AND"

6. AT THE PRESENT TIME, THE FOLLOWING SIGNING ARRANGEMENTS APPEAR POSSIBLE: IN CONNECTION WITH MAY 7-8 CCMS PLENARY AT TURIN, ITALY, APPROPRIATE TEAM OF U.S. OFFICIALS LED BY EPA ADMINISTRATOR TRAIN COULD VISIT BONN FOR PART OF MAY 9 AND 10 FOR BILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL TALKS AND SIGNING OF THIS AGREEMENT (FOR THE U.S. BY AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND AND MR. TRAIN). MR. TRAIN MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A VISIT TO FRG MINISTER EHMKE ON MARCH 4. THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT WOULD NOT BE A NECESSARY PART OF SUCH A VISIT BUT WOULD PROVIDE AN ATTRACTIVE FEATURE. THE MISSING LINK AT THIS TIME IS AN EXPRESSION OF INTENT ON THE PART OF
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THE FRG TO PROFFER AN APPROPRIATE INVITATION. SHOULD SUCH BE FORTHCOMING, THE EMBASSY SHOULD REPLY POSITIVELY. PLEASE ADVISE TELEGRAPHICALLY WHEN THE DRAFT TEXT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE FRG OFFICIALS AND IF THE ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS WERE FOLLOWED IN THAT REGARD AS THE DEPARTMENT WILL THEN PROVIDE THE FRG EMBASSY AT WASHINGTON WITH A COPY.

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